

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for indicating allowance of claims 1, 10, 14, 23 and 27 and their dependent claims, and for indicating that the rejections against claim 18 and its dependent claims are obviated by adding the word "tangible" to claims 18 and 20-22. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 12, 18 and 20-22 have been amended. Claims 2, 11, 16, 19, 24 and 28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1, 3-10, 12-15, 17-18, 20-23, 25-27 and 29-30 are presented for examination.

Objection to Claims

Claim 12 depends on cancelled claim 11.

Claim 12 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 12.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection

Claims 18 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention, as not being tangibly embodied in a manner so as to be executable.

To expedite issuance of this case, Applicant amends claims 18 and 20-22 in light of the Examiner's comments and recommendations to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C § 101.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 18 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claims 18 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

To expedite issuance of this case, Applicant amends claims 18 and 20-22 in light of the Examiner's comments to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

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Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

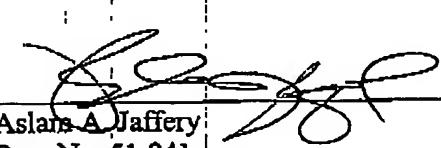
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